

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 749

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Paul G. Stephenson on the occasion of his retirement as Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Tennessee Technological University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those exemplary citizens who during their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and uncommon acumen; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul G. Stephenson is one such outstanding citizen who has served with probity and proficiency for over thirty years as a distinguished member of the Political Science Department at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson truly exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson has been a full professor in the Political Science Department since 1970, and he has served with the utmost professionalism and integrity as the department's chair since 1971; and

WHEREAS, he has also served with distinction as coordinator of the University's Legislative Intern Program in Nashville for many years; and

WHEREAS, in this important position, Dr. Stephenson has selected only the highest quality young people and brightest students each year to assist this Body in its legislative functions; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson is revered among his students and his peers alike as a wise and modest man, and over the years, he has greatly and positively influenced the lives of literally thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, his performance as an educator and as a human being has always been evaluated in the most laudatory terms, and his astute judgment and sagacious counsel have come to be highly sought after, both near and far; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson received both his Bachelor of Science degree and his Master of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee, and earned his Ph.D. from Emory University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson will answer the tantalizing call of retirement on May 8, 1998; and

WHEREAS, although he will no longer be an official faculty member, Dr. Stephenson will always be a very important part of Tennessee Tech, and the university community will continue to call upon his valuable support and guidance for many years to come, as he moves on to a different, yet equally exciting, phase of his life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson's many exceptional qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; and

WHEREAS, men of Dr. Stephenson's stature do not often walk among us, and it is most appropriate that we should pause to thank him for a job well done; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. Paul G. Stephenson upon his exemplary tenure as Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Tennessee Technological University and salute his stalwart dedication to excellence and his ongoing commitment to quality higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Dr. Stephenson all the best for a happy and relaxing retirement and express our most sincere hope that he catches his limit daily, as he fishes Tennessee's lakes and streams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.